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## **ADEQ Announces Free Electronics Waste Recycling Events for Graham, Greenlee County Residents Feb. 26**

PHOENIX (Feb. 14, 2011) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality officials announced today that free electronics waste recycling events for Southeast Arizona residents of Thatcher, Safford and Pima in Graham County and Morenci and Clifton in Greenlee County will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Thatcher event, sponsored by ADEQ and its partners City of Safford, Towns of Thatcher and Pima, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona, Volvo Rents, Bashas' and Westech Recyclers of Phoenix, will be held at the parking lot of Bashas', 2323 W. Highway 70 in Thatcher. For more information, call (928) 348-3040.

The Morenci event, sponsored by ADEQ and its partners Greenlee County, Town of Clifton, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona and Westech Recyclers, will be held at the Bashas' Morenci Plaza parking lot, 172 Morenci Plaza in Morenci from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information, call (928) 865-4146.

ADEQ and its partners anticipate collecting tons of unwanted televisions, computer equipment, monitors, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables and cords at the two events. In addition, members of the Fort Thomas High School baseball team will be collecting electronics waste at the school in conjunction with the other two events.

“We are excited about having our second free electronics waste collection event in Thatcher and our first in Morenci and welcome everyone living in those areas to attend,” said ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin. “This is a great opportunity for people to dispose of all the unwanted electronics they have collected over the years while at the same time ensuring that this potentially toxic stream of waste is disposed of responsibly and does not take up valuable landfill space.”

Companies and individuals donating e-waste will receive a certificate of disposal for their records from Westech Recyclers if they want the document. Westech Recyclers will erase all hard drives with state of the art software and the company recycles all materials in accordance with state and federal regulations.

ADEQ has sponsored 28 events since August 2009 throughout the state and collected 724,834 pounds -- more than 362 tons -- from 5,589 vehicles attending the events.

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